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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A separator for a fuel cell, comprising:

a gas passage having a plurality of stages that are connected via a turnaround portion, the gas passage facing an electrode of the fuel cell; and

a bypass that connects an upstream-side stage of the gas passage to a downstream-side stage of the gas passage and that causes a gas that flows in via an inlet of the bypass to flow out of an outlet of the bypass;

wherein a gas inlet of the separator and a gas outlet of the separator are located at a same side of the separator and opposite to the bypass.

- 2. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 1, wherein the gas passage is defined by a side wall of the separator and a rib, or by two ribs.
- 3. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 2, wherein the separator is disposed parallel to a direction of gravity, and the gas inlet to the separator is located in a lower portion of the separator, and the gas outlet from the separator is located in an upper portion of the separator.
- 4. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 3, wherein a bypass outlet of the bypass and a distal end of a downstream-side partition rib overlap in a horizontal direction.
- 5. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 1, wherein the separator is disposed parallel to a direction of gravity, and the gas inlet to the separator is located

in a lower portion of the separator, and [[a]] the gas outlet from the separator is located in an upper portion of the separator.

6. (Currently amended) A separator for a fuel cell comprising:

a gas passage having a plurality of turnaround portions, the gas passage facing an electrode of the fuel cell; and

a bypass that connects a most upstream-side turnaround portion of the gas passage to a most downstream-side turnaround portion of the gas passage,

wherein a gas inlet to the separator and a gas outlet from the separator are located at a same side of the separator and opposite to the bypass.

- 7. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 6, wherein the gas passage is defined by a side wall of the separator and a rib, or by two ribs.
- 8. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 7, wherein the separator is disposed parallel to a direction of gravity, and the gas inlet to the separator is located in a lower portion of the separator, and the gas outlet from the separator is located in an upper portion of the separator.
- 9. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 8, wherein a bypass outlet of the bypass and a distal end of a most downstream-side partition rib overlap in a horizontal direction.
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Previously presented) The separator according to claim 6, wherein the separator is disposed parallel to a direction of gravity, and the gas inlet to the separator is located in a lower portion of the separator, and the gas outlet from the separator is located in an upper portion of the separator.